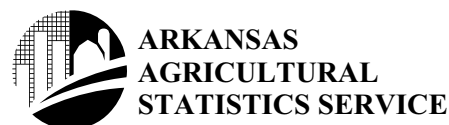


# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

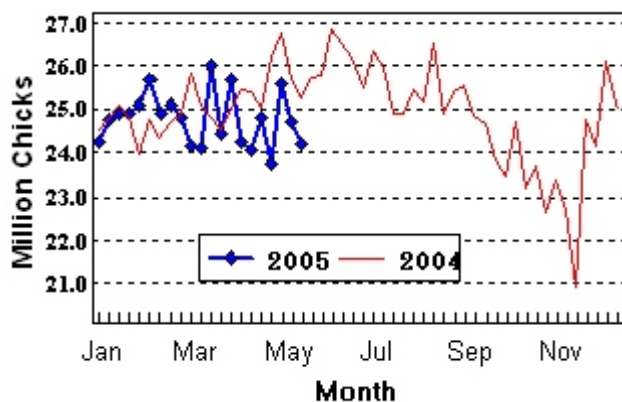
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending May 21, 2005. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through May 21, 2005 were 520.4 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.8 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.6 percent.

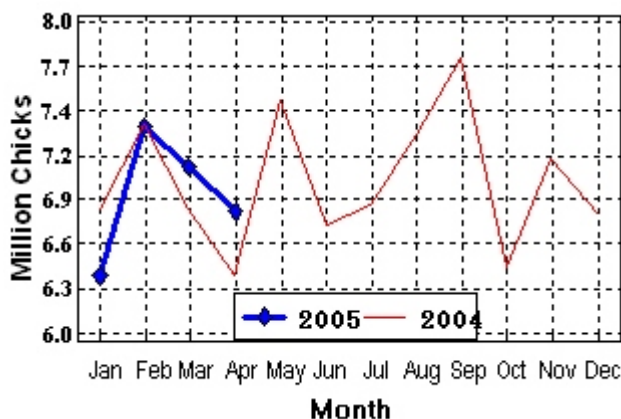
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 31.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 21, 2005, down 3 percent from the same period last year, but up slightly from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.8 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2005, up 6 percent from April 2004.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS  
BY WEEK, 2004- 2005**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED  
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



### NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2004	2005	
	1,000		
Apr. 16	25,379	24,090	95
Apr. 23	25,051	24,829	99
Apr. 30	26,189	23,759	91
May 7	26,708	25,615	96
May 14	25,691	24,734	96
May 21	25,239	24,201	96

### U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2003-2004	2004-2005	
	1,000		
Nov.	6,946	7,128	103
Dec.	6,978	6,772	97
Jan.	6,811	6,409	94
Feb.	7,340	7,325	100
Mar.	6,815	7,077	104
Apr.	6,402	6,800	106

# BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	30-Apr	07-May	14-May	21-May		16-Apr	23-Apr	30-Apr	07-May	14-May	21-May	
Alabama	31,577	31,405	31,626	31,466	102	21,842	22,081	22,253	21,625	21,315	21,818	99
ARKANSAS	30,826	31,488	31,167	31,284	97	24,090	24,829	23,759	25,615 *	24,734 *	24,201	96
Delaware	3,786	3,956	4,085	4,077	105	5,788	5,557	5,681	5,156	6,457	5,975	113
Florida	1,342	1,344	1,343	1,344	97	1,488	1,496 *	1,668	1,332 *	1,471 *	1,190	78
Georgia	33,214	32,539	33,793 *	33,651	101	26,971	25,781	27,120	28,528	28,182 *	26,986	101
Kentucky	7,077 *	7,328	7,211	7,106	99	6,096	6,446	6,420	5,818 *	5,993 *	5,858	103
Louisiana	4,041	4,102	4,105	4,104	105	3,653	3,605	3,954	3,934	4,309	3,838	101
Maryland	8,876	8,905	8,995	8,998	100	4,988	5,212	5,762	6,105	4,808	4,641	94
Mississippi	18,780	18,947	18,812	18,856	97	17,960	17,749	17,421	16,949	16,964	17,055	101
N. Carolina	19,063 *	18,753	18,796	18,851	100	15,174	15,381	15,302	15,624	15,268	15,073	100
Oklahoma	6,265	6,296 *	6,650 *	6,431	99	5,075	4,425	5,933	5,520	5,464 *	5,427	96
Pennsylvania	4,019 *	4,229 *	4,102 *	4,116	109	2,975	3,093 *	3,262 *	3,168 *	3,067 *	2,963	107
S. Carolina	5,192	4,983	5,177	5,239	139	4,602	4,271	4,544	3,572	4,387	4,734	121
Texas	15,527	15,553	15,536	15,401	101	12,917	13,231	13,141	13,070	13,141	13,062	102
Virginia	6,677	6,495	6,634	6,591	99	5,676	5,353	4,999	5,144	5,407	5,683	99
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,187	18,138	18,094 *	18,238	100	17,866	16,977	18,488	16,713 *	17,156 *	16,891	99
Total 2005	214,449 *	214,461 *	216,126 *	215,753		177,161	175,487 *	179,707 *	177,873 *	178,123 *	175,395	
Total 2004	212,646	212,957	213,724	214,186		173,941	173,669	174,862	176,351	175,431	175,320	
%Prev. Year	101	101	101	101		102	101	103	101	102	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						04-Jun	11-Jun	18-Jun	25-Jun	02-Jul	09-Jul	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 216 million eggs during the week ending May 21, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 21, 2005. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through May 21, 2005 were 3.52 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.